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Based on fall semester 1968-69 records, the counselor-counselee ratio for each of the 85 California public community colleges is reported. Other information includes average ratios for the 75 semester-system and 10 quarter-system colleges, plans for semester-system schools to convert to the quarter system and the number of hours per week full-time counselors work. (MC)

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TO: Deans of Student Personnel, California Community Colleges, etc.

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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE ON COUNSELOR-COUNSELEE RATIO

1. Attached is a copy of the findings of the fourth annual study of the counselor-counselee ratio among the 85 California public community colleges. The study is based on fall semester records (1968-9).

2. In determining the ratios, all respondents were asked to include only that portion of a counselor's time devoted to individual and group counseling (time assigned to student activities, registration, placement, financial aids, health services, evening counseling, administration, etc., was excluded). All colleges were asked to use the same criteria in reporting the number of day-graded students -- p. 2 of Form R-30a as reported to the State in the fall of 1968-9, including full-time and part-time active day enrollment.

3. Ten colleges have converted to the quarter system and 75 are on the semester plan. Starting this year, separate computations have been made for the colleges which are on the quarter system. The range for semester colleges is from 1:167 to 1:1221 and for quarter colleges is 1:285 to 1:840. For semester colleges, Q_1 is 437, the median is 536, and Q_3 is 628, and for quarter colleges Q_1 is 350, the median is 450, and Q_3 is 575. In 1967-8, the 81 California colleges had a Q_1 of 423, the median was 534 and Q_3 was 677.

4. For the first time, averages were also computed. The 75 semester colleges employ 534.81 full-time equivalent day counselors to serve 306,676 day graded students resulting in an average of 1:573. The 10 colleges on the quarter plan employ 65.60 FTE counselors for 27,678 day graded students resulting in an average of 1:422.

5. Following are the results of supplementary information requested as part of the study.

   There appears to be no urgency in converting to the quarter system: none of the semester colleges plan to change in 1969-70; 4 plan to change in 1970-1; 7 in 1971-2; 1 in 1972-3; 61 have no definite plans; and 2 plan to move after their local state college changes. Several respondents commented "as late as possible," "as long as we can postpone it," "never--

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we hope," etc.

A tri-modal distribution of responses was found in the question pertaining to a normal work week for full-time counselors as follows:

Hours	Responses (X = 1)
40	XXXXX XXXXX XX (12)
37½ - 39½	XX (2)
35 - 37	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXX (33)
32 - 34½	XXXXX XX (7)
30 - 31½	XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXX (29)
Other	XX (2)

Three colleges reported that, in addition to the number of hours reported above, counselors were expected to spend an additional 5 hours on campus, in committee work, or in other assignments.

6. As a follow-up to last year's question pertaining to the trend toward the use of full-time counselors, it appears that 17 colleges (20%) are now employing full-time counselors and the remaining 68 colleges are using various combinations of counseling and other assignments.

7. Thank you for your excellent cooperation. Again we have a 100% response!

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FOURTH ANNUAL
STUDY OF COUNSELOR-COUNSELEE RATIO IN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
(FALL SEMESTER - 1968-69)

(by Jerry H. Gardner, Asst. Supt. and Dean of Student Personnel, West Valley College)

COLLEGES ON SEMESTER SYSTEM (#75)

RANK (1968)	RANK (1967)	COLLEGE	TOTAL FTE COUNSELORS	STUDENTS IN DAY GRADED CLASSES	RATIO OF COUNSELORS TO COUNSELEES
1	(17)	Palo Verde	1.20	200	1:167
2	(3)	Taft	2.00	491	1:246
3	(5)	San Joaquin Delta	15.72	5182	1:330
4	(53)	Lassen	1.50	521	1:347
5	(7)	Los Angeles Trade-Tech	13.43	4855	1:362
6	(47)	Santa Rosa	9.85	3733	1:379
7	(20)	College of Marin	11.21	4355	1:388
8	(12)	Cuesta	3.95	1567	1:397
9	(21)	San Bernardino	13.81	5513	1:399 **
10	(19)	College of the Desert	3.30	1330	1:403
11	(16)	American River	16.70	6900	1:413
(12	(14)	Coalinga	1.67	703	1:421
(13	(11)	West Valley	10.26	4316	1:421
14	(10)	Grossmont	10.25	4325	1:422
15	(4)	Contra Costa	8.00	3477	1:435
		QUARTILE ONE (437)			
16	(68)	Merced	4.09	1814	1:444
17	(50)	Cypress	6.20	2768	1:446
18	(35)	Hartnell	4.40	2054	1:467
19	(15)	Solano	4.50	2106[1]	1:468[1]
20	(28)	Mt. San Antonio	14.52	6843	1:471
21	(18)	Modesto	9.60	4613	1:481
(22	(24)	Cabrillo	6.00	2890	1:482
(23	(39)	Southwestern	5.95	2868	1:482
24	(40)	Santa Barbara City	6.60	3189	1:483
25	-	Canada	4.10	2006	1:489
(26	(8)	San Jose City	10.35	5108	1:494
(27	(31)	Ventura	7.00	3456	1:494
28	(61)	Mira Costa	2.10	1047	1:499
29	(32)	Victor Valley	1.23	619	1:503
30	(45)	Palomar	5.40	2725	1:505
31	(23)	Imperial Valley	2.71	1370	1:506
32	(26)	Antelope Valley	3.31	1699	1:513
33	(25)	Chaffey	7.18	3687	1:514
34	(33)	City College of San Francisco	20.00	10420	1:521
35	(42)	Reedley	2.83	1481	1:523
36	(38)	Sacramento	14.30	7605	1:532
37	(22)	Laney	9.25	4944	1:534
		MEDIAN (536)			
38	(52)	Yuba	4.30	2339	1:544
39	(49)	Fullerton	15.50	8475	1:547
40	(63)	College of the Siskiyous	1.00	549	1:549
(41	(54)	Citrus	5.55	3072	1:554
(42	(66)	Golden West	5.50	3046	1:554
43	(60)	Cerritos	10.90	6071	1:557

RANK (1968)	RANK (1967)	COLLEGE	TOTAL FTE COUNSELORS	STUDENTS IN DAY GRADED CLASSES	RATIO OF COUNSELORS TO COUNSELEES
(44	(36)	Bakersfield	9.40	5285	1:562 *
(45	(78)	Barstow	1.05	590	1:562
(46	(34)	Glendale	5.54	3116	1:562
47	(44)	Moorpark	3.80	2162	1:569
48	(27)	Porterville	1.55	883	1:570
49	(41)	Shasta	4.50	2572	1:572
50	(37)	Monterey Peninsula	4.80	2754	1:574
51	(2)	Los Angeles Southwest	2.75	1582	1:575
52	(59)	Compton	4.76	2753	1:578
53	(65)	Orange Coast	11.70	6825	1:583
54	(51)	Diablo Valley	11.47	6717	1:586
55	(58)	Sierra	3.50	2118	1:605
56	(48)	Allan Hancock	3.50	2131	1:609
57	(56)	Pasadena	13.50	8246	1:611
58	(62)	Riverside	6.64	4122	1:621
		QUARTILE THREE (628)			
59	(57)	College of the Sequoias	4.38	2777	1:634
60	(43)	College of San Mateo	16.50	10487	1:636
61	(64)	Fresno	9.00	6092	1:677
62	(55)	Santa Ana	5.50	3768	1:685
63	(77)	Mt. San Jacinto	1.10	778	1:707
64	(46)	Napa	2.47	1812	1:734
65	(76)	San Diego City	5.00	3776	1:755
66	(73)	Rio Hondo	5.50	4220	1:767
67	(67)	Los Angeles Harbor	6.60	5078	1:769
68	(74)	Los Angeles City	13.00	10763	1:828
69	(75)	Santa Monica	8.85	7611	1:860
70	(71)	El Camino	10.79	9572	1:887
71	(69)	Long Beach City	11.84	10709	1:904
72	(70)	Los Angeles Valley	9.90	9933	1:1035
73	(72)	San Diego Mesa	5.70	6064	1:1064
74	(80)	Los Angeles Pierce	8.00	8942	1:1118
75	(79)	East Los Angeles	5.00	6106	1:1221
		(Totals)	534.81	306676	Av = 1:573

COLLEGES ON QUARTER SYSTEM (#10)

1	- [2]	Columbia	1.05	299	1:285
2	(29) [2]	Foothill	14.60	4657	1:319
3	(13) [2]	De Anza	12.25	4091	1:334
4	(81) [2]	College of the Redwoods	5.70	1962	1:344 **
5	(6) [2]	Ohlone	3.00	1310	1:437
		MEDIAN (450)			
6	(9) [2]	Merritt	13.00	6304	1:485
7	(30) [2]	Chabot	11.15	5871	1:527
8	- [2]	Butte	2.35	1407	1:599
9	(1) [2]	Gavilan	1.50	937	1:625 *
10	-	Saddleback	1.00	840	1:840
		(Totals)	65.60	27678	Av = 1:422

* Academic advisors not included in FTE or ratio.

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1 877 Mare Island apprentices excluded in both number of students and ratio.

2 Not meaningful as quarter system colleges were included with colleges on semester plan in 1967-68.

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